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1. ON OCTOBER 26, DURING CALL ON SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS CAMBA, AMBASSADOR MADE REPRESENTATIONS OUTLINED IN REFTELS A AND B. SECRETARIO CAMBA ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT GOA HAD NO INTENTION OF GIVING US AIRLINES UNPLEASANT SURPRISES AND WOULD ABIDE BY AGREEMENT NOT TO ROCK THE BOAT WHILE ROUND OF CIVIL AIR TALKS IN PROGRESS. ACCORDINGLY HE INDICATED US AIRLINES SHOULD NOT BECOME ALARMED BY OBSERVATIONS MADE BY DNTAC TO THEIR SCHEDULE APPROVALS OR BY OBSERVATIONS ON QUOTAS.

2. AMBASSADOR AGAIN BROUGHT UP ISSUE OF BRANIFF'S 9TH FREQUENCY. CAMBA REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT THIS WAS ISSUE BEST RESOLVED DURING COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ON SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS, CAMBA INDICATED THAT ARGENTINES FELT BALL WAS IN US COURT. GOA WAS STILL AWAITING US PROPOSAL FOR TIMING OF RENEWAL F TALKS, WHICH ARGENTINES WERE WILLING AND ANXIOUS TO RESUME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. (EMBASSY PRESUMES ARGENTINES ARE BASING THEIR ATTITUDE ON BELIEF THAT USG HAS

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NEVER REPLIED FORMALLY TO THEIR SUGGESTION FOR TALKS

IN APRIL 1976). IN ANY CASE DNTAC SAY THEY ARE READY TO GO ANY TIME AFTER DECEMBER 10TH. CAMBA POINTED OUT AEROLINEAS NOW EXPECTED ITS 747 TO BE IN OPERATION BY DECEMBER 15, 1976. THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE OPERATED ON FREQUENCY BOTH TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO EUROPE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY SURPRISED TO FIND SO MUCH EAGERNESS ON PART OF ARGENTINES TO RESUME TALKS. PRESUME IMPENDING ACQUISITION OF 747 IS CAUSE. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPT. AGREE TO TALKS ASAP, WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO BRANIFF IN VIEW OF IRRESOLUTION OF 9TH FREQUENCY ISSUE. PLEASE PROVIDE SUGGESTED DATES.

5. BELIEVE DNTAC OBSERVATIONS TO PANAM AND BRANIFF OUTLINED IN REFTELS A AND B MERELY OPENING MOVES IN GOA ATTEMPT TO POSITION THEMSELVES FOR THESE TALKS, AND PERHAPS ALSO INTENDED AS TACTIC TO ATTRACT OUR ATTENTION.

6. LATEST WORD ON 747 SCHEDULING IS THAT IT WILL NOT BEGIN OPERATIONS UNTIL JANUARY 2.

7. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SUGGESTION BY STYLES IN HIS LETTER TO BEAL DATED JULY 27, 1976 RE UTILITY OF USING ONE-ON-ONE APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS IS WORTH CONSIDERING SERIOUSLY (SEE BEAL'S REPLY DATED OCTOBER 20). WHILE WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THE GOA WOULD AGREE TO SUCH A PROCEDURE, THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANY HARM IN PROPOSING IT.
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